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1. NORWAY PLANS TO SEND A "SMALL BUT POWERFUL" DELEGATION TO THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. ALTHOUGH NOT YET FINAL, DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY BE LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND. COMMERCE MINISTER EVENSEN, WHO WILL BE IN NEW YORK FOR LOS MEETING, WILL PROBABLY JOIN FRYDENLUND AS WILL INDUSTRY MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY MAGNUSSEN AND NORWAY'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN. MINISTERS WILL PROBABLY ONLY STAY FOR GENERAL DEBATE. THREE OR FOUR EXPERTS FROM THE FOREIGN AND COMMERCE MINISTRIES WILL BE

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INCLUDED.

2. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY'S U.N. OFFICE, NORWAY BELIEVES SPECIAL SESSION WILL BE LARGELY POLITICAL MEETING. NORWAY HOPES HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL REPRESENTATION AND DISCUSSIONS WILL AVOID TECHNICAL DEBATE AND WRANGLING AND WILL ENABLE AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED ON BOTH A BROAD POLITICAL DECLARATION ESTABLISHING A BASIS FOR PRODUCTIVE WORK AND ON A PROGRAM OF FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

3. AS YET THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NO CONCRETE PLANS OR THOUGHTS FOR UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. NORWAY IS IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH A BROAD RANGE OF COUNTRIES AND IS AWAITING FURTHER INFORMATION ON LDC PLANS FOR THE SESSION. NORWAY SHARES OUR WISHES TO LEAVE INITIATIVE FOR EARLY DIRECTION OF THE SESSION TO THE LDC'S AND TO AVOID CONFRONTATION.

4. NORWAY ALSO OPPOSES ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY AND WISHES TO AVOID DUPLICATION AND PRE-EMPTION OF WORK OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, GATT, IMF, ECG AND UNCATD. THE DECLARATION NORWEGIANS ENVISAGE COMING OUT OF SPECIAL SESSION WOULD GIVE WORK BEING DONE IN U.N. AND ELSEWHERE SUPPORT AND IMPETUS. THE ACTION-PROGRAM WOULD GIVE THIS WORK GREATER DIRECTION AND FOCUS.

5. NORWAY BELIEVES LDCS WILL USE THE SPECIAL SESSION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESS THEIR DEMANDS FOR MORE WESTERN SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH, ESPECIALLY AS THIS RELATES TO RAW MATERIALS AND RAW MATERIALS PRICES. NORWAY HOPES TO HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION ON LDC INTENTIONS FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION LATER THIS WEEK AND WILL MEET WITH OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES ON MARCH 27 TO COORDINATE POSITIONS. WE WILL REPORT IN FURTHER DETAIL AS NORWEGIAN THINKING AND PLANS TAKE SHAPE.
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